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# CHICAGO SCOUT CAMPS



Owasippe

Checaugau



# Legends of the Camps

## Owasippe

The old Indian chief, Owasippe, whose name the camp bears, was the beloved chieftain of the Ottawas. Although many years have passed and no Indians are left in the surrounding country, the spirit of Owasippe refuses to leave the favorite spot among the pine trees. It was there he roamed the forests and fought his battles. Many years ago, when the chief was young, his two sons embarked on a journey from which they never returned. This great loss grieved the Indian and he is said to have died from a broken heart. He was buried on a high point overlooking the White River, about eight miles away from the site of the Scout camp. The spot is now known as the "Indian burying grounds."

## Checaugau

Camp Checaugau has used the present camping grounds for the last five years. Many years ago, this was the camping spot of Indians as they moved into the Northwest to their present reservations. The traces of the old Indian trail may still be seen.

The camp looks down on the old council grounds of the Pottawatomies. Here also met the Winnebagoes, Chippewas, Iroquois, and Ottawas. West of the camp, a half mile, is the Indian burial mound.

Checaugau is the Indian pronunciation for the word "Chicago," and comes from the Pottawatomie, meaning "wild onion."

A short distance from the Scout camp was located the old military outpost, Plum Grove, which protected the outlying settlers of Chicago from the inroads of the Indians who were settled on the present site of Camp Checaugau.





# The Fourteenth Successful Season of Scout Camps

Chicago Council  
Boy Scouts of America

## Owasippe

5 Periods—June 23 to August 30

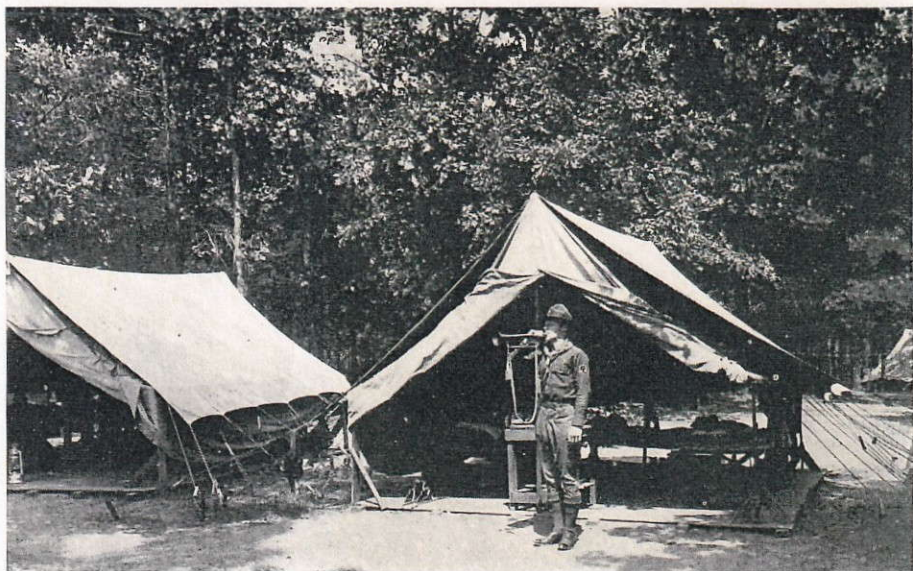
## Checaugau

4 Periods—June 30 to August 23

Where good Scouts get together under trained and efficient leaders  
at excellent camps.

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Turn out at the bugle call! The sun is up and every living thing is glad to be alive. A day full of outdoor adventures awaits you.

There's just time enough for a little exercise and cleaning up before breakfast—and what an appetite you have!





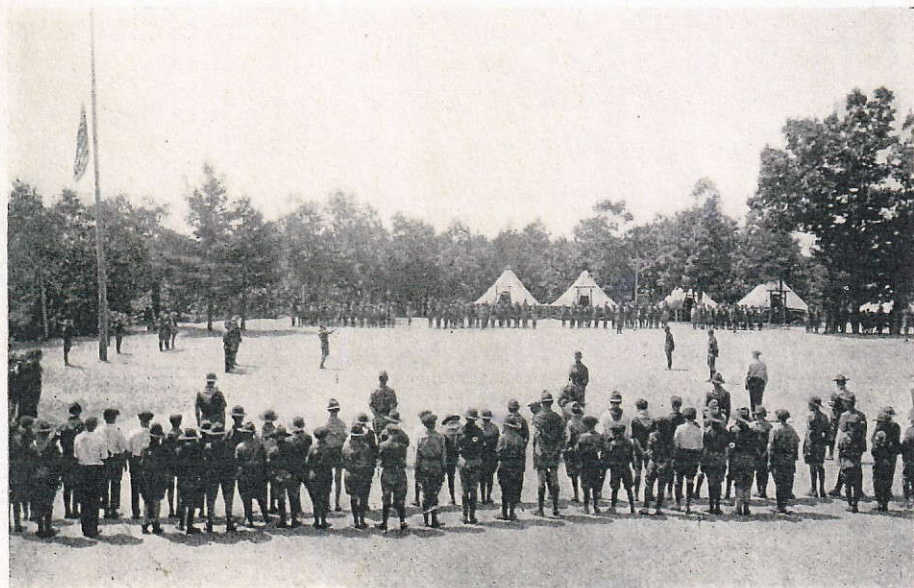
*The camp grounds are spacious and picturesque*

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Checaugau's orderly square of waterproof canvas shelters in the Forest Preserve—a happy retreat where vacation days pass all too soon.

Room to breathe at Owasippe, room to move without shoving the next fellow. Truly the land of "Roomenuf."







Every day furnishes opportunity for practical helpfulness, and many willing hands make camp chores light tasks and lots of fun.

Under the big top mess tent at Checaugau, protected from sun and rain, there is a full 100 per cent attendance three times a day.







Here, real outdoor activities are carried on under favorable conditions.  
Nature has provided everything abundantly.

Mornings are given over to interesting instruction in some branch of  
Scouting. Merit badge work is given by men who know.





*Water sports, the finest ever*

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"A pretty one!" Cool, clear waters, competent instruction, and every safeguard—nothing is needed but you to make it complete.

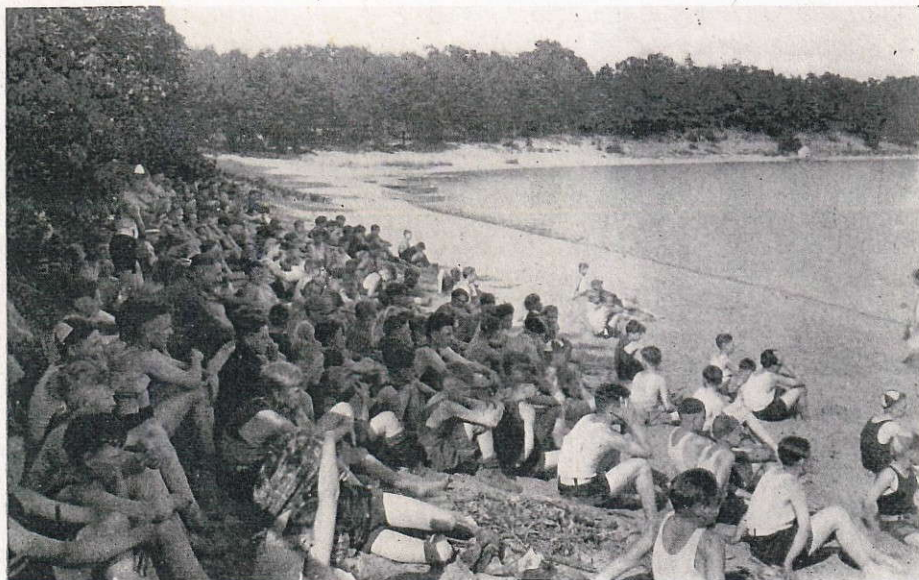
"Oh, Skin-nay! See you in swimmin'!" No boy can resist the fun and healthful sport under these ideal conditions.





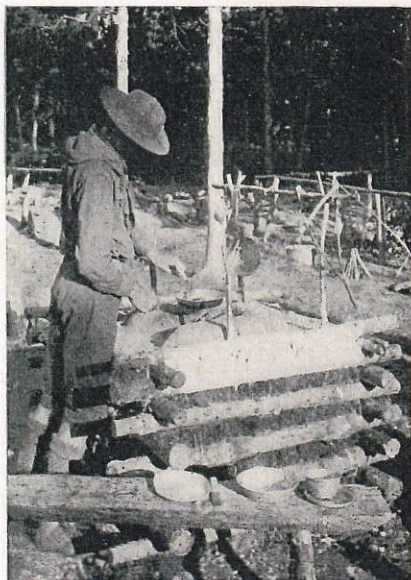
*You'll never forget camping days*

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A sweep and curve of sandy beach, sunny days, and shady trees—and all the old pals.

Cooking his own. It's great to learn to swing a wicked frying pan.



All packed up and ready for an overnight hike.





*The quiet hour after noon mess*

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Reading the bulletin board on "Sheridan Road." You can smell the pines and hear them sigh as the breeze stirs through their branches.

Writing home to tell Mother and Dad of this land of constant new delights.





*Where the heart of the boy and the heart of the man meet*

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Quiet talks together foster a spirit of helpfulness toward one's fellows and a desire for a wholesome manly life.

A doctor, first aid expert, gives instruction on being prepared for emergencies. Knowledge every Scout should know.







"All together—heave! Another foot and she's over the mark!"

Ever act in a circus? Did you ever enjoy the stunts around campfire? Ask the boy who's been to camp. He knows!





*Happy, healthy fellows, the aim of Chicago Scout Camps*

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These are some of the men who further the aims of Scout Camps. The very best leadership is secured by the Chicago Council.

Owasippe by the light of the silvery moon. Days full of sports, memorable evenings full of fun and frolic, and then—taps, and restful sleep.





## Camp Facts for Mother and Dad

### Locations

*The Owasippe Camps*—(Camp Dan Beard, Camp James E. West, and Camp McDonald) are situated on Crystal Lake, Whitehall, Michigan. This beautiful lake, nestling among the hills, provides one of the choicest Scout camp sites in the country. Here with plenty of water for swimming, fishing, and boating, and protected from the storms incident to a big body of water, and with almost limitless woods and fields around, the Scout—your boy—finds opportunity for the fun and adventure he craves, and for advancement in the Scout work which he seeks. And you, as a parent, are sure that he finds that degree of safety and comfort which you desire for him.

*Camp Checaugau* is located thirty-one miles northwest of Chicago, and four miles north of Paletine, Illinois, in one of Cook County's largest and most picturesque Forest Preserves. The camp proper is hidden in the heart of the great woods in a clearing that is well protected from high winds by stately oaks, yet receives the sunlight necessary to camp sanitation. Winding ravines, streams, and springs surround the camp. The Forest Preserve Commission has created a large artificial lake by constructing a dam at the lower end of a valley, thus providing the necessary body of water for swimming.

### Leadership

The leadership of the Chicago Scout Camps will be on the same high level that has made them famous from one end of the country to the other. Men of character, expert in the leadership of boys and in their knowledge of Scoutcraft, camping, and the out-of-doors, will see to it that every day is made one of joy and growth to every camper. Every safety precaution known to camp management is given first consideration.

The Scout Executive of Chicago, G. B. Stephenson, working under the direction of the Camping Committee of the Chicago Council, will have general supervision of all camps; and, in the case of Camp Checaugau, will cooperate with the Camping Committee of the Northwest District. Mr. Stephenson, for the last two years, has been the Chief Camp Director of the Owasippe Scout Camps, and came to the Scout organization after years spent as a volunteer Scout leader.

### Medical Supervision

We will have again the cooperation of the Department of Health of the City of Chicago, and the American Red Cross in the selection of our medical staff. Qualified medical doctors will be in camp at all times. The new Saddle Bag hospital cabin will be in operation and ready to handle any emergency.

### Swimming

Scouts will again be divided into two classes: "Swimmers" and "Sinkers." The Sinkers wear their now famous badge consisting of a safety pin, a piece of red flannel, and a fish-line sinker. Certified Red Cross life savers and examiners will have charge



of this part of the work in all camps. Owasippe and Checaugau have never lost a camper.

### Religious Life

The 12th Law of Scouting—"A Scout is Reverent"—is not neglected at camp. On Sunday, non-sectarian services are held for Protestants and Jews. Catholic mass is held in camp, or else the Catholic Scouts attend mass at a nearby church. A spirit of reverence toward God and of helpfulness toward one's fellows is not only present on Sunday but pervades the everyday life of the camp.

### Camp Checaugau

At Camp Checaugau, Dr. J. H. Sowerby, Scout Executive of the Northwest District will be the Director for his fourth season. He is one of the old-timers in Scout work in the country, and has conducted successful Scout camps at Kansas City, St. Paul, and Detroit, and is outstanding in the leadership he gives. Under Dr. Sowerby will be a staff of leaders, specialists in their various departments, capable of maintaining the standards required by the Scout organization.

### Owasippe Scout Camps

At the Owasippe Scout Camps, Herman Mayhew will assume the general direction. Mr. Mayhew takes over this work equipped with five seasons as an Owasippe camper. His experience as principal of the Lower School of the Morgan Park Academy, his enthusiasm and love for boys, mark him as exceptionally well qualified for the responsibilities of this position.

F. F. Fleming, who is well and favorably known to old Owasippe campers, will have charge of the Quartermaster's Department. With the assistance of the Pullman chefs, every Scout will be happy and satisfied with the food.

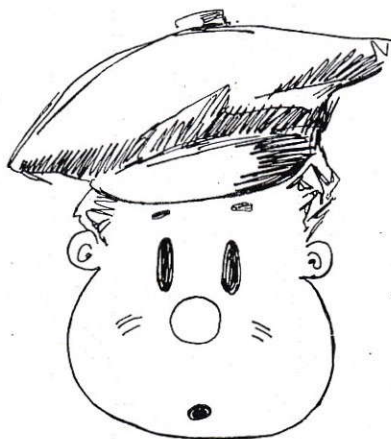
*Camp James E. West*—Carroll A. Edson and F. O. Bergquist will have charge of this camp during the season. Their experience as campers and Scout leaders is well known to Scouts and parents of their districts, the South Shore and Calumet, respectively. The quality of their leadership is vouched for by the reputation they have in their own communities.

*Camp Dan Beard*—At Camp Dan Beard, Walter H. Gunn, a Veteran Owasippe Scout camper, and Allan R. Carpenter, Scout Executives of the North Shore and West Side districts respectively, will supervise the activities. Mr. Carpenter was Director of the Algonquin Camp for two years, and Mr. Gunn has been in charge of Dan Beard for many seasons. Parents may feel as comfortable as though their boys were under their own roofs with leadership of this caliber.

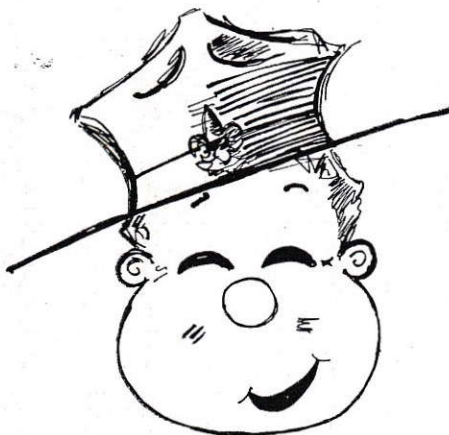
*Camp McDonald*—At Camp McDonald, G. H. Schultz, a ten-year Veteran, Scout Executive of the Southwest District, and H. B. Stafford, Scout Executive of the Stock Yards and Central Manufacturing District, will divide the responsibilities. These men are leaders of boys and know the out-doors, and campers at McDonald can be assured of a live program full of good things and days all too short. Parents need not worry with their boys under such leadership.



"The Law of the Camp is the Scout Law"



This is the poor simp before he joined the Boy Scouts and went to a Chicago Scout Camp.



This is the same fellow eight months later, no longer a simp but full of pep and spunk.

He's a Scout Now!

(So thinks Scout Clark Agnew, Life and Star, Troop 872.)